

Amendment to the Abstract:

Replace the Abstract beginning on page 23, with the following rewritten Abstract:

Abstract

A turnbuckle assembly (20) ~~for use in a steering linkage (10) of a vehicle~~ includes a first one-piece sleeve (30) having first and second axial ends (32, 34). The first axial end (32) of the first sleeve (30) has an internally threaded ~~portion (36)~~ portion (35) which threadably engages a first threaded part (120). The first axial end (32) of the first sleeve (30) includes an integrally formed clamp (38) which clamps the first axial end (32) to the first threaded part (120). A second one-piece sleeve (60) has first and second axial ends (62, 64). The first axial end (62) of the second sleeve (60) has an internally threaded ~~portion (66)~~ portion (65) which threadably engages a second threaded part (122). The first axial end (62) of the second sleeve (60) includes an integrally formed clamp (68) which clamps the first axial end (62) to the second threaded part (122). A connector member (90) interconnects the first and second sleeves (30, 60). ~~The connector member (90) has a first axial end (92) non-rotatably connected to the second axial end (34) of the first sleeve (30). The connector member (90) has a second axial end (94) non-rotatably connected to the second axial end (64) of the second sleeve (60).~~